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TOPIC Doeberitz Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 20 April 1953, [redacted] 54 Il-10s [redacted]
[redacted] at Doeberitz airfield.

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On 24 April, there was an accident at the field which was reported previously. When an Il-10 came in for a landing at 5:10 p.m., the plane overturned for a reason which could not be determined [redacted]. Two trucks and an ambulance appeared on the scene at once. The overturned plane was lifted at the tail and a truck with lowered sideboards was put under the fuselage. Thus, it became possible to open the cabin and to rescue the two crew members. Subsequently two trucks were put below the two wings of the plane, it was then taken to the hangars. About 15 minutes after the accident, air activity could continue. There was no air activity between 25 April and 3 May although the weather was generally fair.

2. At about 9 p.m. on 25 April, [redacted] all windows were lighted in buildings Nos 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19 and 43. Buildings Nos 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 23, 29 and 32 were partly lighted. Buildings Nos 33 and 34 were dark.

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3. On 25 April, [redacted] Soviet soldiers expected that Unit Kazavittski might leave the field any day. All the equipment which was to be taken along by the unit was stored in the storage room. No repair work was done on the quartering buildings although these needed repair. ¹ Another German worker was discharged on 15 April. On the other hand, German female kitchen personnel was hired at the Olympisches Dorf.

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4. On 28 April, trucks [redacted] both with trailers, took a total of 10 crates from the airfield to the artillery equipment park at Doeberitz, where they were unloaded by cranes. Five of the crates measured about 20 x 300 x 150 cm; two about 100 x 100 x 100 cm; and three about 150 x 300 x 120 cm. [redacted] crates [redacted] symbol indicating that their contents was fragile.

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5. There was a meadow at the western edge of the Rohrbeck settlement, between the railroad line to the south and Fasanenweg which extends from north to south. About 250 meters north of the railroad line and 60 meters west of Fasanenweg, there was a radio tower about 15 meters high. About 50 meters west of this radio tower, there was a perforated iron plate about 2 x 4 meters, set up horizontally about 20 cm above the ground. A red 50 cm long and fitted with a chromium plated crossbar, 10 to 12 mm in diameter, and 80 cm long projected from the middle of the plate. One officer, one master sergeant and 12 EM, all of them with black-bordered blue epaulets were billeted in a house of the settlement. ² [redacted] another radio installation was located on a tower 30 to 35 meters high on the northeastern building of Adler Kaserne. [redacted] a wooden cabin which was permanently occupied by soldiers on this tower. The wooden cabin on the tower was fitted with a small antenna rod. [redacted] air force soldiers entering Adler Kaserne and the building with the tower. During World War II, an 88-mm AA gun was mounted on this tower. ³
6. On 11, 13 and 16 May [redacted] 58 Il-10s at the field. In the morning of 16 May, all these planes practiced formation flying. [redacted] about 30 Il-10s did not return to the field. On 16 and 18 May [redacted] only 27 Il-10s at the field [redacted] temporary buildings and the shed at the northern edge of the installation were dismantled and two fuel containers dug out. [redacted] unit stationed at the field were made ready for a transfer from the installation.
7. From 9 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. on 8 May, a biplane and a high-wing monoplane practiced take-offs and landings at the field. The weather was 5/10 overcast. Two soldiers of the ground unit were seen near landing signals laid out on the ground. [redacted] 15 single-engine planes and [redacted] another estimated 30 aircraft.
8. The canvas had been removed from three guns of the northern AAA emplacement. At a bell signal given, seven soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets rushed out of a dugout and assembled around an officer who had given the signal. Three guns without canvas were also seen at the AAA emplacement in the southwestern corner of the installation. However, no soldiers were observed there. ⁴
9. Four tank cars were seen on the spur track near the fuel dump. Sentries observed there included one at the loading ramp on Heer Strasse; a double sentry at the airfield entrance; a sentry on the observation tower west of the last building at the northern edge of the field; and a sentry near the hangars. Trucks [redacted] were seen. 25X1
10. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 14 May, [redacted] about 50 single-engine aircraft at the southern edge of the field. Two single-engine planes made local training flights. Four railroad tank cars were standing on the spur track near the fuel dump. There was no change in the status of the AAA emplacement. Jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were seen at the field. 25X1
11. No flying was observed on 9 May. Twenty-three Il-10s were parked in front of the hangars at the southern edge of the field while another 12 Il-10s were standing near the aircraft revetments at the northern edge of the field. A locomotive and two flatcars with sideracks were standing on the spur track near the ramp. Each of the flatcars was loaded with two boxes about 4 x 1.2 x 1.8 meters. The boxes were being unloaded by means of cranes. Three fuel containers 8 to 10 meters long and 2 meters in diameter in addition to 8 smaller containers were stored in the northwestern corner of the field. There was intensive activity in the billeting area. 25X1 [redacted] the Luftwaffen Kasernen were heavily occupied in April.

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12. At 9 a.m. on 16 May, six Il-10s practiced flying at the field.
13. On 8 May, a Soviet jet fighter crashed in the area between Dallgow and Staaken. The pilot had bailed out with a red parachute.

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. Various observations indicating an imminent transfer of the ground unit of the ground attack regiment stationed at Doeberitz airfield were made during the last weeks. The information contained in the present report makes a transfer of the ground unit very probable.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. It is believed that this radio installation was the outer low frequency beacon of Staaken airfield.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. This assumed radio installation cannot be commented on. The Adler Kaserne is immediately northeast of the hangars of Doeberitz airfield.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The existence of these emplacements of 4 x 37-mm AA guns each was known previously.

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